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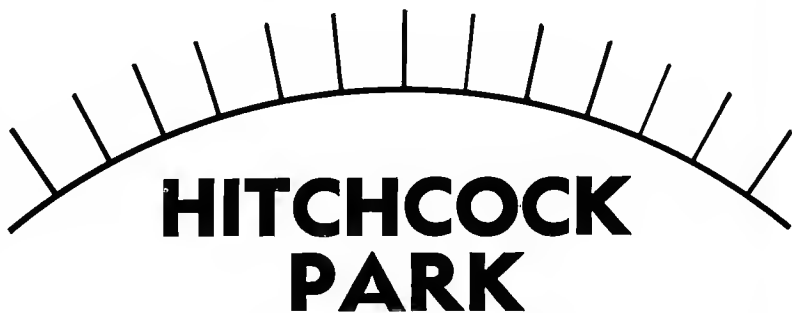
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From the Desk of the President



COMPASSIONATE COMPETENCE

As the end of my term of office draws near, I find myself more firmly establishing the assurance of a value system that will sustain us in the years that we have left to practice medicine—years that are bound to be filled with tremendous turbulence and turmoil.

In the light of the social shambles that seem to surround and inundate us today as a result of our having forsaken our old values in our constant quest for something new, I urge us to turn to the past, as many others are doing, and reaffirm the more stable ground of time tested truisms of the past.

In doing so, I have begun by asking myself what it was that led me to seek my life's work in the field of medicine and what it is that makes me glad that one of my sons has seen fit to adopt a similar lifestyle.

Born as I was of low middle class parents and raised during the depression, I cannot deny that one motivating force was an economic one, namely to better my financial possibilities. I think this was a strong and salutary force that is still highly commendable, and probably is one of the basic reasons for the success of America. I have been and am strongly in favor of the principle of commensurate compensation. However, it must be realized that it is something that is tangible, and capable of being altered, removed or destroyed by others than myself. And in all probability, this is about to happen.

A much more powerful motivating force I found in the honorable and prestigious position that the physician was held in and still is to a large extent, in spite of the organized efforts of many to undermine it. This is a position that was earned by our predecessors by dint of dedication to their work in the care of the people who entrusted their most priceless possession, their health, to their physician's hands. It is a position that is still held today and unless it is given up *by us or those who follow us*, it will remain with us as our greatest asset—absolutely incapable of being destroyed by any force other than ourselves.

I, therefore, strongly urge you to guard and maintain this posture through compassionate competence. For in doing so you will retain a firm hold on the hearts of your patients. And in the final analysis it is they, not the politicians, who will wield the power that will guide the destinies of you and your profession in the years that lie ahead.

Take good care of your patients, and they, in turn, will take care of you with immeasurable rewards.

Have a happy holiday!

—Ed Pichette, M.D.
President



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Editorial

MOMENT OF GLORY

The end of the year is here and so is my last editorial. I would like, of course, to give thanks to everyone I was involved with this year.

First my thanks to Ed Pichette for the opportunity to be the editor. Next, my thanks to Howard Rempes for his help—he does a great job for us doctors. Thanks also to the members of the council. I was able to see the workings of our council members both here and at the state level. I was able to see and be part of some of the necessary business that our council carries on. Also, I was able to see that our council is interested in doing what is right for our patients and for us as doctors.

I think the high point of the year was our last Society meeting where a good turnout of the Society members voted for the resolution *against* P.S.R.O. This seemed to be one of the few times the members of the Society stood together as a body (essentially unanimously) to at least say it the way it is. This was a moment of glory and I was proud to be a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society that evening. Many thanks to the members of the Society for this.

A new year is coming and many difficult important decisions are still, as always, ahead of us. Let's try our best to support *our* Society so *our* Society can support us. Good luck to John Melnick, our new president.

Finally, I am sure that if we as individuals and as a group strive to do what is morally right and correct and not what is emotional or expedient we and our patients will in the long run be better off and have the best that medicine and man can offer.

P.S. Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday to all of you.

—William Moskalik, M.D.
Editor

PSRO RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The following resolution relative to PSRO and MAI was adopted at the Nov. 20th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society:

WHEREAS: We believe that the Professional Standards Review amendment to Title XI of the Social Security Act enacted as Public Law 92-603 was hastily enacted by the 92nd Congress on the false premises (1) that medical care in the United States is of inferior quality and (2) that physicians are responsible for the increase in cost of medical care, and

WHEREAS: We believe that the Professional Standards Review section of Public Law 92-603 will, in fact, decrease the quality of and increase the cost of medical care in the United States, and

WHEREAS: We believe that the Professional Standards Review section of Public Law 92-603 will, in fact, interfere with physicians' ability to make good medical judgments, and

WHEREAS: We believe that the Professional Standards Review section of Public Law 92-603 will destroy the confidential nature of the patient-physician relationship, and

WHEREAS: The constitutionality of the Professional Standards Review section of Public Law 92-603 is still in question, and

WHEREAS: We believe that the Professional Standards Review section of Public Law 92-603 may well be in violation of the principles of medical ethics of the American Medical Association, which state "a physician should not dispose of his services under terms or conditions which tend to interfere with or impair the free and complete exercise of his medical judgment and skill or tend to cause a deterioration of the quality of medical care," and

WHEREAS: We believe that Medical Advances Institute is, in fact, a corporation whose intent is to become the agent of the Federal Government to implement the Professional Standards Review section of Public Law 92-603, and

WHEREAS: We believe that affiliation with Medical Advances Institute implies endorsement of the Professional Standards Review section of Public Law 92-603, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mahoning County Medical Society completely reject the concept of the Professional Standards Review section of Public Law 92-603 and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Mahoning County Medical Society strongly urge its members not to participate in any form of government controlled peer review as exemplified by the Professional Standards Review section of Public Law 92-603, and be it

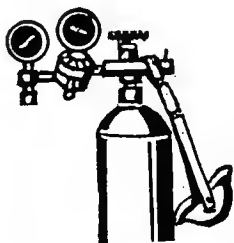
FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Mahoning County Medical Society will not affiliate with the Medical Advances Institute, and recommends to its members that they do not participate in any activity of the Medical Advances Institute either as individuals or collectively as members of a hospital medical staff, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Mahoning County Medical Society strongly urges that its members participate in every way possible in all activities of existing and time-honored mechanisms of local voluntary peer review to make certain that our patients will continue to receive the highest quality medical care possible at the lowest reasonable cost commensurate with that concept.

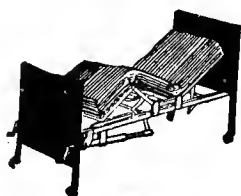
APPRECIATION DINNER IN JANUARY

An Appreciation Dinner for all those who supported the medical school in this area will be held at Akron on Friday, Jan. 25th, 1974. Physicians are asked to hold open this date so they may join in the festivities. More details will be released later.

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The Board of Trustees of the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine came into being at a formal installation meeting held at Youngstown State University on Monday, Nov. 26th.

William J. Brown, Attorney General for Ohio, administered the oath of office to nine representatives from the three consortium institutions. Installed as trustees were: (Youngstown) President John J. Coffelt, Clarence J. Strouss and Atty. John M. Newman; (Kent) President Glen A. Olds, Robert Tschantz, M.D., and Clayton Horn; (Akron) President D. J. Guzzetta, Ben Maidenburg and John J. Feudner, Jr.

At the initial meeting of the board, immediately following installation, Stanley W. Olson, M.D., was offered the post of Provost and Acting Dean, which he accepted. Dr. Olson was director of the educational consultant group for MEDCO, the consortium of the University of Akron, Kent State University and Youngstown State University, which sought the medical school for northeastern Ohio.

Dr. Olson is a 1934 cum laude graduate of Wheaton College, who received his M.D. degree, magna cum laude, in 1938 from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Following his internship in Cook County Hospital he served as a resident at the Municipal Contagious Disease Hospital, both in Chicago. He received his master of science degree in internal medicine from the University of Minnesota in 1943 and then served three years active duty as Captain in the U. S. Army.

Following the War, Dr. Olson attended the Graduate School of Education at the University of Minnesota for Studies in Higher Education under a special Mayo Foundation Fellowship.

He has served as a consultant to the Board of Trustees, State University of New York (1949); the Hoover Commission (1954); the Missouri Com-



Stanley W. Olson, M.D.

mission on Higher Education (1967); the Division of Regional Medical Programs, United States Public Health Service (1966-1968); and the National Advisory Council for Health Research Facilities (1963-1967). He was also the principal author of the Eastern Virginia Medical School (Norfolk) financial plan for the first 10 years of operation.

He is a member of the Advisory Committee on Continuing Education of the American Medical Association, the Board of Trustees of the Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health; Co-chairman of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Health Service Task Force, and the Regional Advisory Group, Regional Medical Program of Texas. Among his many publications are reports and a survey which were instrumental in the establishment of the University of Missouri Medical Center at Kansas City.

In other business, the new Board named Clarence J. Strauss, chairman, Dr. Tschantz, vice chairman and Mr. Feudner, secretary-treasurer. The University of Akron was designated fiscal agent. It was resolved that the Northwestern Medical Education Development Center of Ohio, Inc. (MEDCO) would continue to exist as an entity separate from the College of Medicine, to work closely with the College "toward the attainment of desirable goals of medical, nursing and health related education, services and care."

OSMA ENDORSES STATE-WIDE DISABILITY PLAN

The Ohio State Medical Association has officially endorsed and will co-sponsor a disability income insurance plan for the entire state of Ohio. The plan selected is the one that has already been in effect in 86 out of the 88 counties, under-written by Commercial Insurance Company, but administered by several different agencies in different areas of the State.

It is the same plan that has long been administered by Stillson and Donahay Agency as the disability income group policy for the Mahoning County Medical Society. Stillson and Donahay also administer the same plan in Trumbull, Columbiana and Jefferson Counties. All sales and claims service in these county medical societies will continue to be handled through Stillson and Donahay. The official administrator, under OSMA, will be Turner and Shepard, Inc. of Columbus, but they will work through Stillson and Donahay Agency for members of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

OSMA endorsement and co-sponsorship will permit both the implementation and consideration of a number of improvements which will benefit Mahoning County Medical Society subscribers. They include the following, to be implemented in the very near future:

- A. A rate reduction of approximately 12% for members under 30.
- B. A rate reduction of approximately 10% for members under 40.
- C. A guarantee issue of \$150 weekly of the L-7 plan to any qualified applicant under age 50 during the enrollment period. For existing policyholders, they may increase to \$150 weekly without evidence; to non-policyholders, they may buy \$150 weekly without evidence on the L-7 plan. Any policyholder under 50 who has exclusion riders on existing coverage will have such riders removed on \$150 weekly.
- D. Limit of insurance increased from \$300 weekly to \$500 weekly. The increase of the additional amount will be available to any member under age 60 with evidence of insurability. Presently, the additional \$200 weekly terminates at age 60 if not disabled.

Other improvements under consideration include:

- A. All policyholders, including existing policyholders, may qualify for further liberalization of the definition of total disability. Change, if approved, will apply to both old and new policyholders.
- B. A guaranteed future purchase option.
- C. A new sub-standard program to some members whose medical history was such that they were not able to buy standard insurance.

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ELECTION IN DECEMBER

Election of officers, delegates, alternate delegates, council members, foundation trustees and a representative to Blue Cross will take place at the Dec. 18 meeting of the Medical Society at the Youngstown Club.

Following is a list of the candidates as nominated by the membership at the Nov. 20th meeting:

President-elect:

Dr. Rashid Abdu

Secretary:

Dr. G. H. Dietz

1977 Delegate:

Dr. Alexander Calder

Dr. Jack Schreiber

Alternate Delegates: (2 to elect)

Dr. Wm. Moskalik

Dr. J. W. Tandatnick

Representative to Associated Hospital Service (Blue Cross):

Dr. C. E. Pichette

Council Members: (4 to elect)

Dr. B. P. Brucoli

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Dr. C. B. Klodell

Dr. P. J. Mahar, Jr.

Dr. K. F. Wieneke

Foundation Trustees (2 to elect)

Dr. S. F. Gaylord

Dr. M. C. Raupple

Additional nominations for all offices may be made at the Dec. 18th meeting. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Reservations may be made at the medical society office (746-8431).

NO 50-YEAR PINS THIS DECEMBER

For the first time in a number of years there will be no-one in the Mahoning County Medical Society receiving a 50-year pin at the annual meeting in December. This simply means that no physician in Mahoning County received his medical degree in the year 1923. The annual 50-year recognition is made by the Ohio State Medical Association, which keeps track of the graduation dates of all Ohio doctors.

As usual, the special item of business for the meeting, to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the Youngstown Club, will be election of officers. All members are urged to attend.

Did You Know . . .

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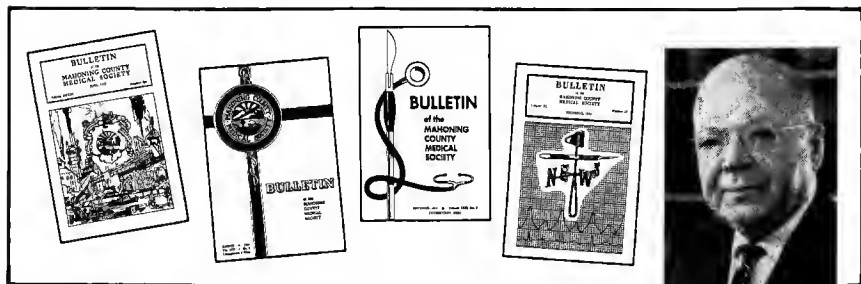
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From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1933

This was the situation stated briefly in Secretary Skipp's report: "The year is drawing to a close. We had hoped for some improvement in the economic situation but there has been very little. In fact, we in the medical profession seem to be harder hit than ever. However, the Society has progressed and has added new members during the years. It is still holding the lead as the most progressive County Society in the State."

A new plan of caring for the indigent sick was in operation under the State Relief Commission and the Allied Council. According to the Relief Director, "We will have to limit our expenditures for medicine and specialists to emergency cases only. By emergency cases I mean those who are in danger of dying. I do not think it is the intention to attempt to cure chronic cases of year's standing."

Hospital dispensaries were about to close. Doctors were confused and querulous. Columnist "Breetus" (Paul Fuzy) asked "Do these patients all have to be inextremis? Chronic cases are not included in the plan but what are we to do with them? Should we throw all cardiac and diabetics on the scrap heap? Is that the New Deal?"

Patients began coming in with relief slips worth fifty cents for an office visit.irate doctors used the slips for various degrading purposes, paper being scarce.

There were 194 active members and 15 new members that year.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1943

There were 72 members in the armed services. Not many were heard from that month. Cukerbaum and Randell wrote in but couldn't tell where they were. DeCicco was transferred from Australia to some island in the South Pacific where he was slowly starving to death on C-Rations. Those of us in the Navy were managing to get by somehow on steaks, mashed potatoes, pie and ice cream.

The doctors at home were swamped with work. The winter of 1943-1944 was bitter. For the program committee (W. H. Bunn) it was a nightmare of transportation problems, cancellations and poor attendance.

Many medical Bulletins suspended publication for the duration, but ours has never missed an issue since it was started in January, 1931.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1953

The Secretary of Defense announced that there would be no necessity for extension of the doctor draft law after July 1, 1955. The armed services had all the doctors they needed and in the future intended a program of "fence mending" and "belt tightening" whatever that means. The doctor draft was continued long after that year.

W. E. Sovik became a Fellow of the A.C.S. in the division of Ophthalmology. Paul Ruth was certified a Diplomate of the American Board of

Ophthalmology. W. H. Evans presented a paper before the American Society of Ophthalmologic Allergy in Chicago.

There were 241 Active members, 16 Junior Active, 8 Associate, 26 Intern, 2 Non-Resident and 13 Honorary.

TEN YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1963

You remember the Mural Room? That was where the meeting was held to elect officers and transact other important business. The few who turned out enjoyed a free buffet dinner. There was a quorum, though and the results of the election will be reported next month. The thing I remember about the Mural Room was that they had the toughest roast beef I ever chomped.

The Medical Society raised \$1,319.00 for the Esther Hamilton Christmas Show.

Richard Roland was elected President of the Academy of Family Practice and Fred Friedrich was elected Secretary.

Richard Murray, Bernard Schneider, Lou Bloomberg and Armin Banez were leaving on a teaching tour of the Far East, including the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan.

Elmer Wenaas and A. E. Billet (D.D.S.) were away serving on hospital ship HOPE in Ecuador.

New members were: Karol A. Hoffman, Carl B. Klodell and John Tullai.

The Mural Room is gone, the Tod House is gone and the Palace Theater is torn down. Three great mistakes that will take along time from which we can recover, if ever.

SALUTE TO WHITE STAR

The woman's Auxiliary of the Mahoning County Medical Society wishes to express thanks once again to Jerry Menotti, terminal manager of White Star Trucking Co. for the invaluable service that he has provided year after year. A White Star truck delivers all of the collected drug samples to Detroit free of charge. Mr. Menotti personally takes charge of the delivery as his contribution to the Auxiliary's World Wide Relief Program. This year's delivery amounted to more than 4,000 pounds of sample drug supplies.

NOVEMBER MEETING ACTION-PACKED

The November 20th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society, attended by 102 members, saw an action-packed session dispatch four important items of business.

A resolution opposing the concept of PSRO and of MAI was adopted with only one dissenting vote. The resolution is printed elsewhere in the *Bulletin*. Membership dues was raised by \$25 in view of general rising costs. This was the first change in dues since 1965. Candidates for several offices, delegate and council seats were nominated. A list of nominees is printed elsewhere in the *Bulletin*.

The first reading was given to a proposed constitutional amendment which would provide for a vice president instead of a president-elect, thus allowing a president to be elected for two terms or more if the membership so desired. The second reading and vote on the amendment will take place at the Dec. 18th meeting at the Youngstown Club.

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